

**2005 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM (EQIP)
RANKING WORKSHEET
PORTER COUNTY, INDIANA**

INSTRUCTIONS: Applicants for the 2005 EQIP funds are to complete this worksheet and Answer all questions to the best of their ability. Points assigned to each question reflect the decision of the Porter County Locally Led workgroup. All questions apply to all acres offered for the EQIP contract.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

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| <p>1. Livestock – Non-Livestock: Are livestock, livestock manures, or manure storage involved in this application?</p> <p style="text-align:right">Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (75 points), <input type="checkbox"/> No (0) _____</p> <p>2. Management Activities: Is manure and/or commercial fertilizers applied according to current soil test recommendations? Current soil test must be within the last 2 years.</p> <p style="text-align:right">Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0), <input type="checkbox"/> No (75 points) _____</p> <p>3. Residue: Does your current farming operation follow a cropping and tillage system that maximizes the amount of residue on the soil surface at planting time?</p> <p style="text-align:right">Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0), <input type="checkbox"/> No (50 points) _____</p> <p>4. Forage: Do your current forage, pasture and hayland yields meet the grazing needs of your livestock?</p> <p style="text-align:right">Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0), <input type="checkbox"/> No (50 points) _____</p> <p>5. Location Issues: Is the land being offered within 100 feet of any body of water?</p> <p style="text-align:right">Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (30 points), <input type="checkbox"/> No (0) _____</p> <p>6. Livestock: Do livestock have direct access to any body of water?</p> <p style="text-align:right">Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (20 points), <input type="checkbox"/> No (0) _____</p> <p>7. Soil Slope: Based on the Porter County Soil Survey, indicate which of the following slopes best represent 50% or more of the cropland acres being offered.</p> <p style="text-align:right">Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> less than 3% slope (0 points) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 3% or more slope (40 points) _____</p> | <p>POINTS</p> |
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8. Acreage Offered: Based on your current land use, indicate which of the following best represents the acres being offered for the EQIP contract.

Check One: ☐ all cropland (40 points) _____
☐ 10% woodland (30 points)
☐ 20% woodland (20 points)
☐ 30% woodland (10 points)

9. Unique and/or Critical Features, Wells and Water Inlets: Are there any abandoned wells or surface water inlets on the acres being offered for contract?

Abandoned well: ☐ Yes (20 points), ☐ No (0) _____
Surface water inlet: ☐ Yes (20 points), ☐ No (0) _____

10. Are the acres being offered for EQIP contract located within the boundaries of a Wellhead Protection Area?

Check One: ☐ Yes (40 points), ☐ No (0) _____

11. Animal Units: Estimate the average number of animal units per acre being pastured on non-rotationally grazed pastures.

Check One: ☐ 1 – 2.5 animal units (20 points) _____
☐ 2.6 – 3.9 animal units (30 points)
☐ 4+ animal units (40 points)

TOTAL POINTS _____